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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 533)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to amber, blue, and white lighting devices
- 2 and reflectors on motor vehicles and equipment owned by
- 3 the department of transportation and used for snow and ice
- 4 treatment or removal.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 321.393, subsection 5, Code 2018, is 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 5. a. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit
- 4 the use of a lighting device or reflector displaying an amber,
- 5 white, or blue light when the lighting device or reflector is
- 6 rear-facing and mounted on a motor truck, trailer, tractor,
- 7 truck-mounted snow blower, or motor grader owned by the
- 8 department while the equipment is being used for snow and ice
- 9 treatment or removal on the public streets or highways.
- 10 b. This subsection is repealed on July 1, 2019.
- 11 Sec. 2. Section 321.423, subsection 3, paragraph a,
- 12 subparagraph (4), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:
- 13 (4) (a) A motor truck, trailer, tractor, truck-mounted
- 14 snow blower, or motor grader owned by the department if the
- 15 blue light is rear-facing and used in conjunction with amber
- 16 and white lighting devices or reflectors while the equipment is
- 17 being used for snow and ice treatment or removal on the public
- 18 streets or highways.
- 19 (b) This subparagraph (4) is repealed on July 1, 2019.
- 20 Sec. 3. Section 321.423, subsection 7, paragraph a,
- 21 subparagraph (4), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:
- 22 (4) (a) On a motor truck, trailer, tractor, truck-mounted
- 23 snow blower, or motor grader owned by the department if the
- 24 white light is rear-facing and used in conjunction with amber
- 25 and blue lighting devices or reflectors while the equipment is
- 26 being used for snow and ice treatment or removal on the public
- 27 streets or highways.
- 28 (b) This subparagraph (4) is repealed on July 1, 2019.
- 29 Sec. 4. REPEAL. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 81, section 5, is
- 30 repealed.
- 31 EXPLANATION
- 32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
- 33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 34 In 2015, the general assembly amended Code sections 321.393
- 35 (color and mounting) and 321.423 (flashing lights) to allow

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- 1 the use of blue and white lighting devices and reflectors in
- 2 conjunction with amber lighting devices and reflectors on
- 3 certain motor vehicles and equipment owned by the department of
- 4 transportation and used for snow and ice treatment or removal.
- 5 Those provisions are set to be repealed effective July 1, 2019.
- 6 This bill strikes the future repeal provisions. The bill also
- 7 repeals a provision requiring the department of transportation
- 8 to submit a report to the general assembly prior to July 1,
- 9 2019, documenting the effectiveness of displaying blue and
- 10 white lighting devices on such vehicles and equipment.